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APPLICANT: Steinberg et al.

U.S.S.N.: 09/614,155 Art Unit: 2839

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FOR: OPEN FACE OPTICAL FIBER ARRAY FOR COUPLING TO INTEGRATED
OPTIC WAVEGUIDES AND OPTOELECTRONIC SUBMOUNTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant(s) hereby submit(s) an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed on the PTO-1449 form, attached hereto.

In addition to the aforesaid references, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/827,183, filed April 6, 2001, which application is assigned to the Assignee of the subject application. A copy of the application as filed is attached hereto. By citation of this co-pending application, secrecy thereof is not waived.

II. COPIES

Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S and foreign patent or English abstract of foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE

Documents AA-AG and BA are in the English language, were cited in an English language Search Report or include an English language abstract, a copy of which is attached hereto (concise explanation not required). Document BB (DE 3914835 C1) belongs to the same patent family as EP 0 395 854 B1 for which an English language abstract is attached.

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- a. No certification; therefore, a fee in the amount of \$180.00 is required by 37 C.F.R. . § 1.17(p).
or
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- a. each item of information contained in the IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS;
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UNITED STATES PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	5,073,003	12/17/1991	Clark			
.	AB	5,479,540	12/26/1995	Boudreau et al.			
	AC	5,535,296	07/09/1996	Uchida			
	AD	5,577,142	11/19/1996	Mueller-Fiedler et al.			
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	AF	6,132,107	10/17/2000	Morikawa			
	AG	6,241,399	06/05/2001	Nobuhara			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRAN YES/NO
	BA	0 395 854 B1 (with English Abstract)	07/20/1994	Europe			
	BB	3914835 C1	07/26/1990	Germany			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

Examiner:	Date:	